

## 10/27/2009 Vol. XXXIII No. 17

Meeting Notes, 20Oct09

President Scott Walker called the meeting to order with the ringing of the bell. President-Elect Marion Scott announced the Rotarians participating in opening the meeting would include Larry Tubbs (Pledge), Ike Stevens (4-Way Test) and Marvin Pollard (singing of Rotary Invocation). Visiting Rotarian Bob "Poppa Bob" Nelson, Denton Rotary, was introduced as a guest. Other guests included Daniel Guerrero and Luke Laird from the Argyle Interact club. They announced the Interact fish fry slated for 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Anyone interested in assisting is welcome to join them. Rotarian Madden, Sgt-at-Arms, asked program speaker Rick Villareal to draw the winning ticket. PDG Carolyn Ishee enthusiastically indicated she had the ticket. Club members were not as enthusiastic as she, but indicated their pleasure when she drew the Eight of Hearts. The pot continues to grow.

### **Announcements and Business.**

In an effort to save time, President Scott referred the membership to the announcements in the bulletin. He pointed out a new format on the back page that lists occupations of club members. The phone numbers listed are primarily business numbers. Any changes to occupations or numbers should be submitted to President Scott or Rotarian John Alexander.

Larry Tubbs reminded the club that the spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be 5:30-8:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Members were to notify him by Friday how many tickets are sold, for food planning purposes. Volunteers assisting w/set up should report to First United Methodist between 5:00 and 5:15. Proceeds from the event will benefit PolioPlus, and the Denton Food Bank. Request was made to have temporary nametags for the students who will be volunteering at the dinner.

Reminder announcement was made about the Christmas Party scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at the home of Bonnie and David Strutton. In the spirit of that

occasion, Rotarian Strutton indicated he didn't care when we arrived as long as we left by 7:30. The event is also be co-hosted by Rotarian and Mrs. Ramsey.

John Rademacher announced that the dictionary project is continuing. Approximately 480 dictionaries are scheduled for delivery to schools within the next few weeks. Goal is to have all books distributed by Thanksgiving. If you want to assist, please notify John.

No longer worrying about trying to save time, President Scott continued with announcements that included encouraging club members to invite prospective members to a meeting, announcing that we are in need of storage space for the club banner displays that used to be present at club meetings and, referring to the recently approved dues increase, encouraged members who have not already done so, to pay the \$10 to Treasurer Joe.

### **Program.**

Rotarian Steve Sullivan introduced the program by pointing out that during UNT Athletic Director Rick Villareal's tenure, sports programs have made great strides at UNT. He welcomed Rick to the podium. Rick began his remarks with appreciation for the opportunity to speak the club, noting it was his third time to visit with us. He continued with remarks about the football program at UNT. The team's record doesn't indicated how close some of the games have been. It is a young team – 20 starters will return next year, including a young man, Lance Dunbar, who is one of the bright spots of the program.

Turning to other sports, AD Villareal talked briefly about women's sports... tennis team is ranked in the top 75 nationwide, swimming is 14<sup>th</sup> in the country, soccer in undefeated in conference competition, golf has the highest ranking in the program's history and basketball has a new coach. All are young teams with bright futures.

In men's athletics, basketball is "loaded" with talent with several players returning. They are fast AND big, and Rick predicts they will be conference winners who will see post-season

play. He also bragged, rightfully so, that the 340 student-athletes have an average 2.9 grade point average. Overall, the athletics programs are well-balanced and the school has lots of new facilities.

His remarks then turned to the anticipated new football stadium. Rick stated that as UNT has built new athletic facilities and added the right coaches, programs have flourished. The same thing can happen with football. The new stadium can aid in recruiting high school students who come from schools with better facilities than the current Fouts Field. Even with that challenge, he pointed out that the football program does enjoy great crowds and the game day atmosphere has improved in recent years. In addition to UNT football, the new stadium could host 8-12 high school games per year which would have a positive economic impact on the city. He encouraged the Rotarians, and Denton citizenry to support UNT football as "our team." He added that the program and the new stadium are great opportunities for all of us to get involved. When asked, Villareal indicated that the new stadium will be located across I-35E from the current stadium on the former golf course. The topic of parking came up and there should be expanded parking around the new stadium which will also be ADA approved. Athletics will work with other departments, especially the Department of Music, to coordinate parking capabilities.

Strong applause followed Rick back to his seat, and Rotarian Ramsey, acting as Assistant Athletic Director, announced that season basketball tickets are now on sale.

President Scott told Rick about the tradition of placing a book in the speaker's name at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. Rick indicated that he appreciates that type of recognition in place of coffee mugs, of which he has several.

With a final remark from President Scott about the information on the back of the program, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Ishee

### **Important Dates:**

**10/27/09 Spaghetti Dinner at FUMC**

**11/25/09 Rotaract Festival**

**12/05/09 Club Christmas Party**

**4/09-04/11/2010 District Conf. DFW Marriott**

**4/17/2010 Denton-South Polio Run**

**4/23, 24, 25/2010 Denton Arts Fest.**

**6/20/2010 RI Convention Quebec, Canada.**

### **Speaker List:**

**Oct 13-27 TBA**

**Nov 03 Larry Tubbs**

**Nov 10 Larry Tubbs**



DHS Interact at the KDB Tree Giveaway- Rotarians John and Shelley Alexander Participated.



Argyle Interact Fish Fry Rotarians BJ Gosnell, Russ Madden, Ed Velayos, John Alexander, Darhyl Ramsey participated.